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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the prior art listed hereinbelow, copy enclosed. This reference was cited by the U. K. Patent Office in a search report dated November 21, 2001.

- (1) International Publication No. WO 95/22883, entitled SPECIFIED RETURN DETERMINATOR, By Thomas G. Hall, published August 31, 1995. This document discloses a method for providing set price and/or variable price betting by operating on a pool of bets and ensuring that the total amount to be paid out on an outcome does not exceed the total amount available.

The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

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